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Application No.: 10/036,980

Examiner: Qing-Yuan Wu

First Named Applicant: Eric R. White

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Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Qing-Yuan Wu

(2) Supervisor Ms. An or Mr. Thomson

(3) Applicant Paul Loomis

(4) Attorney Katharina Wang Schuster

Proposed Date of Interview: 06/06/2007 (Wednesday)

Proposed Time: 11AM or 3PM EST (9AM or 1PM CST)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:

☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description:

Issues to be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) 101 Rej.	1-19 and 27	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) 103 Rej.	1-27	Various	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

1) Regarding the 35 USC 101 rejection, Applicant asserts that embodiments of the invention as claimed in claims 1-19 and 27 have a specific and substantial utility at least with respect to the public API and that, at the time the invention was made and in view of Applicant's disclosure, one of ordinary skill in the art would have readily recognized that specific and substantial utility.

2) Regarding the 35 USC 103 rejection, Applicant maintains that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established against claims 1-27. As noted in a recent Supreme Court decision *KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex, Inc.*, No. 04-1350 (U.S. Apr. 30, 2007), it is important to identify an apparent reason that would have prompted a person of ordinary skill in the relevant field to combine the prior art elements in the manner claimed. Applicant submits that no such apparent reason has been identified.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____. **NOTE:** This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the Examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Katharina W. Schuster

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

Examiner/SPE Signature

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